

Is regrettable that the FCC has chosen to green light the consolidation of U.S. broadcast stations under less than a half dozen media conglomerates. The free expression and exchange of ideas and opinions is not only one most important freedoms in a democratic society, it is necessary to the preservation of democracy itself. If 90% of all media outlets are controlled by a mere three or four companies, meaningful debate and diversity of opinion in the media (already a rare commodity) will drop to a whisper. The FCC's proposal gives a small handful of executives near absolute control over the expression of ideas and opinions in this country. This position speaks volumes about the administration's priorities. When the U.S. government official sanctions the limiting of free speech in favor of larger profit margins, the days of democracy in this country are truly numbered.